

# STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION\*

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### OFFICIAL NOTICES

**Next Council Meeting.**—A special meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association has been called for Saturday, March 1, at 10 a. m., at the home of Doctor Kress, Uplifters Club, Santa Monica.

**Optional Medical Defense.**—"I think my membership lapsed this year. Will you see if I am entitled to assistance?" is a telephone message that comes to your state office more than once. Recently, the call was from a member who had carried insurance continuously from 1924 to 1929. His suit was for \$100,000, the usual modest sum demanded by the present disgruntled patient. Protection for 1930 has since been secured, and probably will hereafter be carried so long as optional defense is available.

Ten dollars may loom large when no suit is threatening, but it shrivels to a paltry sum in the face of definite court action.

Members who, when suit threatens, will want the counsel of the Association's legal advisers can secure it through Optional Medical Defense service at the nominal figure of \$10 a year. Favorable decision now may save years of regret. Cards of application and more detailed information will be sent on request. Address 2004, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

**Hotel Rates for Annual Session.**—Members who plan to attend the annual session at Hotel Del Monte, April 28 to May 1, inclusive, will be interested in the following information.

Every member should make his reservation early, and insist on confirmation of same.

#### Hotel Del Monte American Plan

Single room without bath (one person), \$8.  
Double room without bath (two persons), \$7.50 each.  
Single room with bath (one person), \$10.  
Double room with bath (two persons), \$9 each.  
Two single rooms, bath between (two persons), \$9.50 each.  
Two double rooms, bath between (four persons), \$8.50 each.

If all available space is utilized, six hundred members can be accommodated. It is hoped that members will bear in mind the necessity for utilizing double rooms as much as possible.

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#### San Carlos Hotel, Monterey European Plan

Single room, shower bath, \$2.50 and \$3.  
Double room, shower bath, \$4.50.  
Double room, tub bath, \$5.  
Twin-bedded room, tub bath, \$6 to \$7.  
Extra cot in room, \$1.50 each.

\* For a complete list of general officers, of standing committees, of section officers, and of executive officers of the component county societies, see index reference on the front cover, under Miscellany.

#### Pebble Beach Lodge

##### European Plan

Single room with bath, \$7 to \$12.  
Double room with bath, \$8 to \$14.

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#### Kimball and Monterey, Monterey

##### European Plan

Rooms range from \$1.50 to \$4.50.

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#### Luncheon and Dinner Rates at Del Monte

For members stopping in other hotels during the convention, Hotel Del Monte has made a special price for luncheon of \$1.50 and for dinner, \$2. Ticket may be purchased at the cashier's window, or at the entrance to the dining room, before each meal.

## COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

### ALAMEDA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held in the auditorium of the Board of Education's new administration building at 8:15 p. m. Doctor Meads was in the chair. The evening was devoted to a clinic by Dr. L. F. Barker, professor emeritus of medicine of Johns Hopkins University.

Doctor Barker discussed four cases, the first a case of polyposis of the colon in which the x-ray pictures were diagnostic of the condition and in which x-ray therapy brought about almost complete cure. Doctor Barker pointed out the fact that the x-ray is absolutely diagnostic in this condition and the further fact that there is a definite relation between polyposis of the large bowel and carcinoma of the rectum, so much so that the doctor prophesied rectal cancer as an ultimate lesion in this patient. The use of x-ray therapy is interesting in view of the fact that this is one of the first cases of the kind successfully treated by this agent.

The second case was a man who had been operated on five months ago for a large toxic goiter, with marked temporary postoperative improvement for a few months and later a recurrence of all symptoms. Doctor Barker demonstrated all of the characteristic eye signs of this condition, and in the discussion of the treatment suggested the possibility that an enlarged thymus was playing an important part in the condition and advised x-ray and sedative treatment such as luminal together with small doses of iodine, with the mental reservation that surgery might later be necessary.

The third case demonstrated was a man of forty-one years who had a typical history of ulcer of many years standing with many signs which at the present time suggest the possibilities of malignancy.

The fourth case demonstrated presented central nervous manifestations with many symptoms of hysteria but with a definite increase in the spinal fluid globulin, a slight leukocytosis, and a temperature of 102. Doctor Barker suggested the possibilities of a central nervous infection, particularly of an encephalitic type, and predicted the development within six months of a Parkinsonian syndrome.

Following the clinic, Dr. Clarence W. Page read an "In Memoriam" to Frank W. Simpson, and the meeting adjourned out of respect to the memories of Doctors Frank W. Simpson and Ilo R. Aiken, both of whom had been called by death within the month.

GERTRUDE MOORE, *Secretary*.

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The Contra Costa County Medical Society met at Memorial Hall, Crockett, on January 14, Doctor Bumgarner presiding. Dr. John Scudder of Oakland read a very interesting paper on the "Errors in Diagnosis of Appendicitis." The doctor gave a very complete review of the literature on the subject and discussed the differential diagnosis of appendicitis in detail. Operative failures from chronic appendicitis were attributed to improper diagnoses. The relapsing form of chronic appendicitis is the most successful, from an operative standpoint. Much hearty discussion of Doctor Scudder's paper was participated in by members.

At the request of the Contra Costa Public Health Association a resolution was unanimously passed favoring the investigation by the County Board of Supervisors of the advisability of hospitalizing tuberculous cases from this county in Sunshine Camp instead of Weimar Sanitarium, and assuring them of the coöperation of the society in this health problem. Dr. I. O. Church, county health physician, reported on the work being done by the Contra Costa Public Health Association. Dr. J. M. McCullough was appointed delegate to the next executive board meeting of the Association to be held February 2 at Sunshine Camp.

Important business matters, such as fee schedule and membership dues, were also discussed, but no action was taken.

While the society was having its scientific meeting the physicians' wives met at the home of Mrs. J. M. McCullough for the purpose of forming a woman's auxiliary to the medical society. Formation of this auxiliary was voted, with officers as follows: President, Mrs. J. M. McCullough of Crockett; first vice-president, Mrs. L. H. Fraser of Richmond; second vice-president, Mrs. H. D. Neufeld of Bay Point; secretary, Mrs. S. N. Weil of Rodeo.

After the business meeting a delightful supper was served to members of the society and auxiliary and guests at the Crockett Memorial Hall. Dr. and Mrs. McCullough were the hosts.

A symposium on respiratory diseases by members of the society was announced as the program of the next meeting.

L. H. FRASER, *Secretary*.

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## FRESNO COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held Tuesday, January 7, at 8 p. m. at the Hotel Fresno. Forty members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved by Doctor Tupper, seconded by Doctor Vanderburgh, that Dr. K. D. Luechauer's application for membership in the society be accepted.

The president appointed the following committees for the year:

Board of Censors—Harry J. Craycroft (chairman), B. B. Lamkin, D. I. Aller.

Ethics Committee—John D. Morgan (chairman), E. R. Scarboro, Neil Dau.

Library Committee—H. O. Collins (chairman), G. A. Hare, Guy Manson.

Program Committee—C. M. Vanderburgh (chairman), Kenneth J. Staniford, L. R. Willson.

Welfare Committee—A. B. Cowan (chairman), J. R. Walker, C. P. Kjaerbye.

Publicity Committee—C. O. Mitchell, E. L. Bennett, A. E. Anderson.

Dr. W. F. Wiese was appointed to audit the society's books for the year 1929.

Dr. Julian M. Wolfsohn, psychiatrist of Stanford University, gave a talk on "Symptomatic and Idiopathic Epilepsies," which was very much enjoyed. The symptomatic epilepsies he divides into those due to brain tumor; traumatic epilepsy; syphilis; toxic epileptiform convulsions, which are commonly due to alcohol; those associated with arteriosclerosis and

cardiovascular diseases; those associated with acute infections, especially scarlet fever; and the convulsions of infancy and childhood. These form the connecting link with the next class, namely, idiopathic epilepsy.

Doctor Wolfsohn discussed in detail the different forms in which the seizure appears and reviewed the various methods of treatment. In treatment, Doctor Wolfsohn adheres to sodium bromid, fifteen to twenty grains three times a day, and in cases of petit mal he gives, in addition, three to four minims of tincture of belladonna three times a day. The first dose of sodium bromid is taken in the morning before getting up. When the attacks are not controlled by this method, three-quarters of a grain of luminal are given at bedtime.

Meeting adjourned.

J. M. FRAWLEY, *Secretary*.

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## NAPA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Napa County Medical Society was held Wednesday, January 8, at the new Victory Hospital. The members of the medical society were guests of the hospital board of directors, who provided a delicious dinner preceding the business meeting. The new Victory Hospital is a modern, fireproof structure of thirty-three beds, and fills a much needed want in the community.

Dr. George Dawson, president, opened the business meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dr. Orville Rockwell of the St. Helena Sanitarium and Dr. C. E. Sisson of the Napa State Hospital were admitted to membership by transfer from the San Francisco County Medical Society and the Mendocino County Medical Society.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Edmund Butler, chief of the San Francisco Emergency Hospitals, gave a valuable talk on "The Equipment of the Emergency Room in a Hospital" (illustrated with lantern slides), and discussed some of the problems to be met. He also exhibited and discussed a motion-picture reel of some European clinics which he recently visited. This was followed by an informal discussion of his subject. There were twenty-two physicians present, including the speaker, Dr. Bull, of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, San Francisco; Dr. James Eaves of Oakland and Dr. Michelson of Lane Hospital, San Francisco.

Members present were: George Wood, D. H. Murray, C. E. Nelson, Robert Northrup, H. V. Baker, A. K. McGrath, W. L. Blodgett, George I. Dawson, C. A. Johnson, Robert Crees, L. Welti, C. H. Bulson, H. R. Coleman, E. F. Donnelley, I. E. Charlesworth, C. A. Gregory. Visitors: C. E. Sisson, A. E. Chappel.

The president, Dr. George Dawson, was given authority to appoint a committee to confer with the state society relative to a conference with the legal profession concerning malpractice suits.

Meeting adjourned.

C. A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

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## ORANGE COUNTY

The forty-second annual banquet of the Orange County Medical Association was held January 7 at the Santa Ana Country Club, Santa Ana. Approximately one hundred members and their wives were present. A delightful menu and program, with Dr. Merrill W. Hollingsworth as toastmaster, helped to make this evening a pleasant and successful social event of the year.

A most interesting talk was given by Dr. F. Harold Gobar of Fullerton, retiring president, on "Medical Libraries." Our own medical library is now well started and all members of the society have the privi-

lege of using it. Other delightful talks were given by Mrs. F. E. Coulter and Judge Frank C. Drumm.

Mrs. F. E. Coulter is president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the society, just recently organized. Judge Frank C. Drumm gave the principal address of the evening on "Medical Ambitions." Several musical numbers were interspersed between these talks.

At the end of the meeting the following members of the society were introduced as officers for the year 1930: H. Miller Robertson, president; Emerald J. Steen, vice-president; Harry G. Huffman, secretary-treasurer; Charles D. Ball, librarian. Councilors: Jay L. Beebe, Dexter R. Ball, George M. Tralle. Delegate, Dexter R. Ball; alternate, George M. Tralle. Delegate, Harry E. Zaiser; alternate, William S. Wallace.

HARRY G. HUFFMAN, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was called to order by the president at 8 p. m. January 7.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following men were accepted to membership by unanimous vote: Dr. C. W. Moots, Dr. S. A. Crooks, and Dr. F. H. Garrett.

The program of the evening was then given.

A motion picture on "Infection of the Hand" by Doctor Kanavel was presented through the courtesy of the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda by Dr. G. M. Taylor of Los Angeles.

A paper on "Fractures and Dislocations of the Hand Excluding the Radius and Ulna" by Dr. Philip Stephens of Los Angeles followed.

The discussion of these papers was conducted jointly, and opened for the first paper by Dr. Philip Savage of San Bernardino and for the second paper by Dr. K. L. Dole of Redlands.

Members who had interesting or unusual cases of infection or injuries of the hand, past and present, were invited to present these cases as part of the discussion.

Supper was served at 10:30 o'clock.

Doctor Savage was called away and Doctor Hilliard opened the discussion in his absence.

There were about forty in attendance.

E. J. EYTINGE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, January 2, in the Medico-Dental Club, 242 North Sutter Street, Stockton.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. C. V. Thompson, president, who immediately turned the chair over to Dr. Harry E. Kaplan, the newly elected president. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Dr. Fred J. Conzelmann, secretary, and approved. After appropriate remarks, Doctor Conzelmann, who has most efficiently served as secretary-treasurer for four years, called to the chair the new secretary-treasurer, Dr. C. A. Broadus.

The scientific program was opened by Dr. Emmet Rixford of San Francisco with a report on coccidioid granuloma illustrated by slides, showing the gross and microscopic pictures of the lesions.

The principal paper of the evening was presented by Doctor Rixford on the subject of "Postoperative Treatment in Abdominal Surgical Cases."

The doctor evidently disapproves the use of much treatment and therapeutic frills. He quoted from his former teacher, Dr. Clinton Cushing, who often admonished his students with the phrase, "Don't fuss!" He further quoted the great French surgeon, Ambroise Paré, who said, "I dressed his wound, but God healed it."

"A patient who is sanely prepared for operation by rest, mild catharsis, and simple cleansing of the site of incision stands the best chance for rapid recovery. The proper maintenance of body warmth in the patient during operation without excessive heat and humidity in operating room is highly essential.

"To avoid shock and postoperative adhesions it is essential to handle the intestines as little as possible and to keep them within the abdomen.

"After operation keep the patient quiet, without visitors, and use narcotics. Allow time for peristalsis to start before giving food, but try to anticipate the appearance of acetone, which demands the resumption of feeding. Vomiting is to be controlled by emptying the stomach by lavage, being sure there is no intestinal obstruction, which is always to be suspected.

"The most suitable remedy in shock is transfusion from a proper donor. Caffein in two to three grains every two or three hours is very valuable. Tyramin, one-third grain hypodermically, is valuable for quick action; digitalis derivatives for sustained action.

"Normal urination does not occur ordinarily for twelve to twenty-four hours and stimulative aids should be patiently tried before resorting to the use of a catheter. Even catharsis is to be used with care, and only after resort to milder methods has failed. The use of pituitrin to stimulate peristalsis is regarded with disfavor.

"Postoperative pain is best controlled by morphia. Many patients sleep comfortably the first night if they receive an enema of opium and chloral. For gas pains the best treatment is with hot moist compresses. Peritonitis is controlled by the time-honored opium treatment. Hypodermic injection of serums, prepared from intestinal bacteria, is of great value, but best of all is the use of a proper bacteriophage.

"Prophylaxis is the proper procedure in venous thrombosis by omitting the use of catgut sutures for wound closure and maintaining blood pressure by proper methods."

Doctor Conzelmann, the retiring secretary, spoke next on the "Ethics of Psychiatry," the study of the structure of the mental life and of its functional disorders. Ethics, on the other hand, deals with the standards of right and wrong. It deals with what ought to be, rather than what actually is. Psychiatry, by virtue of its intimate survey of the mental life and of the personality, is particularly concerned with the remaking of human nature and of the world on which we live. The descriptive data which mental science offers is of great importance to the student of ethics and equally the consideration of ethical values is of great importance to the creed of the psychiatrist. Psychiatry presents us with distinctive mental types; it is a study of individual differences, individual capacities. Its practical purpose is to remove obstructions, conflicts and repression, to obtain adequate adjustment.

The discussion of papers was led by Dr. J. D. Dameron and Dr. Linwood Dozier.

At the roll call the following members were present: Drs. E. A. Arthur, Barnes, Blackmun, Blinn, Broadus, Buchanan, Conzelmann, Dameron, Doughty, Dozier, English, Foard, Frost, Goodman, Hansan, Hull, Kaplan, Krout, McCoskey, McGurk, McNeil, Marnell, O'Donnell, Owens, Petersen, Pinney, B. J. Powell, D. R. Powell, Priestly, Sanderson, Sheldon, M. H. Smyth, C. V. Thompson, Van Meter. Visitors

present were: Mrs. Rixford and Drs. Sutton, Vanderleek, Kilgore, and Weiss.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 o'clock and refreshments were served.

C. A. BROADDUS, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN MATEO COUNTY—SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The December meeting of the San Mateo Medical Society was held in conjunction with the Santa Clara Medical Society at the Oak Tree Inn, San Mateo, December 18. Following dinner the meeting was turned over to the president of the Santa Clara Society, who introduced the speakers of the evening, members of the Santa Clara Society.

Dr. Charles A. Fernish gave a paper on "Injection Method of Treating Varicose Veins." Dr. L. M. Rose presented a paper on "Pathology of the Heart," accompanied by records of cardiac rhythms. Dr. J. H. Shephard treated the subject of "Pathology of the Esophagus," very comprehensively. The discussions were instructive, and were enjoyed by the members of both societies.

The joint meeting was attended by a good representation from each society, about forty-five being present.

ERMA B. MACOMBER, *Secretary*.

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#### STANISLAUS COUNTY

The Stanislaus County Medical Society held its regular meeting on January 10. The meeting was called to order by President Hiatt. Members present were: Doctors Collins, Cooper, Finney, Morris, McKibbin, Bemis, Mottram, Yocum, Morgan, Maxwell, Fields, Downing, Gould, Hartman, DeLappe, Robertson, Hiatt, Pearson, McPheeters, and Ransom.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the County Nurses' Association asking the Medical Association if they desired the nurses to start a physicians and surgeons' exchange, was read. The letter was tabled for further information.

The secretary made a report of a meeting held the previous week of representative Modesto business men when the advisability of building a new hospital in Modesto was discussed. President Hiatt appointed a committee of six doctors to meet with this committee: Doctors DeLappe (chairman), Gould, Maxwell, Morgan, Falk, and Collins.

The new county charter was discussed by various members and it was the consensus of opinion that the members should vote against it.

Dr. Sterling Bunnell of San Francisco gave a very interesting talk on the subject "Nerve Surgery."

Meeting adjourned.

DONALD L. ROBERTSON, *Secretary*.

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#### VENTURA COUNTY

The January meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held on January 14 at the Clinic building of the Ventura County Hospital at 8 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Vice-president W. S. Clark.

Those present were: Doctors Armitstead, Bardill, Bianchi, W. S. Clark, D. G. Clark, Coffey, Felberbaum, Jones, Schultz, Smolt, and Welsh. Doctors Henry J. Ullmann and Richard Evans of Santa Barbara were present as guests.

Doctor Ullmann, president-elect of the American Radium Society, gave an extremely interesting lecture illustrated by lantern slides. His subject was the treatment of malignant disease by the use of radium, x-ray, and chemotherapy. The lecture dealt chiefly

with skin cancer, though a portion of it was devoted to cancer of the cervix.

Due to lack of time, no business meeting was held after the lecture and the meeting was adjourned.

CHARLES A. SMOLT, *Secretary*.

#### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

##### New Members

*Alameda County*—Clarence S. Gardner and Harold Philip Maloney.

*Kern County*—Seymour Strongin and Mark A. Williamson.

*Placer County*—Arthur William McArthur and Ralph B. Miller.

*Santa Clara County*—Harry Beal Torrey and Frank I. Putnam.

##### Transferred Members

Christopher Leggo, from San Francisco to Solano County.

Eugene C. Grau, from Humboldt to Alameda County.

##### Deaths\*

**Browning, Frederick William.** Died at San Francisco, December 30, 1929, age 64 years. Graduate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1888. Licensed in California, 1894. Doctor Browning was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Draper, Alfred Lawrence.** Died at San Francisco, January 3, 1930, age 55 years. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1900. Licensed in California, 1901. Doctor Draper was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Jacobs, Edward H.** Died at Los Angeles, December 21, 1929, age 51 years. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, 1903. Licensed in California, 1911. Doctor Jacobs was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**McKinnon, Wilfred Charles.** Died at San Francisco, December 20, 1929, age 30 years. Graduate of the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical Colleges, New York, 1925. Licensed in California, 1928. Doctor McKinnon was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**Munroe, Harrington Bennett.** Died at Los Angeles, December 17, 1929, age 52 years. Graduate of McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Montreal, Quebec, 1903. Licensed in California, 1917. Doctor Munroe was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Shiels, John Wilson.** Died at San Francisco, December 30, 1929. Graduate of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1895. Licensed in California, 1898. Doctor Shiels was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Sweeney, George J.** Died at San Francisco, December 27, 1929. Graduate of University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1900. Licensed in California, 1900. Doctor Sweeney was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**Tate, C. Francis S.** Died at Los Angeles, December 16, 1929, age 56 years. Graduate of University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los An-

\* Erratum.—Correction is hereby made of the notice of death of Joseph Alexander Parker, M. D., of Los Angeles, which appeared in the November issue, page 367. The notice should have read, "Dr. J. A. Parker of San Francisco."

geles, 1895. Licensed in California, 1895. Doctor Tate was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**Thompson, Roy Oliver.** Died at Calexico, December 22, 1929, age 43 years. Graduate of University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1914. Licensed in California, 1914. Doctor Thompson was a member of the Imperial County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

## OBITUARIES

### John Wilson Shiels

On December 30, 1929, John Wilson Shiels passed away at the Franklin Hospital following a laparotomy designed to relieve, if possible, a digestive disturbance that had interfered seriously with his comfort and well-being for some time.

Born in San Francisco, he graduated from the School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges at Edinburgh in 1895. At this time he also became a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

During his period of study in Edinburgh he found time to become a noted swimmer and amateur middle-weight boxer and to play football for his college. Above all, he was outstanding in his activities in the drama. He was a leading light in the Edinburgh Dramatic Society and served as its president for several years.

He returned to San Francisco and was licensed to practice medicine in California in 1898 and began to build that reputation for skill, clinical judgment and broad human kindness which endeared him to his patients and to the profession.

He joined the medical faculty of the University of California in 1906 and at the time of his death was a clinical professor of medicine in the medical school. He was instrumental in organizing the San Francisco Polyclinic and was one of its mainstays for many of its best years.

He was always proud of his association with the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He received his commission among the first when the Medical Reserve Corps was formed in 1907, and this commission, signed by Theodore Roosevelt, was always cherished by him. On the entry of the United States into the war in 1917 he was immediately commissioned Captain, National Army, and shortly received his majority. He was on duty as chief of the medical service at Letterman General Hospital, which hospital he actually commanded for a short period. He gained golden opinions from every one and when the Reserve Corps was reorganized after the war he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel and five years ago received his commission as Colonel.

For the past eight years he was active as chief of the Department of Internal Medicine of the Franklin Hospital, and his ability, personality, energy and brilliant attainments helped largely to place the Franklin Hospital among the best hospitals of San Francisco.

His histrionic ability and his love for play writing gave him ample opportunity for literary and artistic expression. In 1908-09 he was president of the Bohemian Club and in 1914 he wrote the Grove play, "Nec Natoma." On many occasions he took leading parts in the plays presented by the Bohemian Club.

The qualities of mind and soul which made "Jack" Shiels beloved by his patients, associates and club

fellows, gave him the personality and powers of a great teacher and physician. He was truly both of these, a master of medical lore and a lover of his fellow man—understanding, kindly, self-sacrificing, with a heart that yielded most to those whose need was greatest.

Medicine in California has lost one whom it can ill afford to lose—a great teacher, a great practitioner, a physician whom his colleagues and patients loved and of whom they were proud.

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### AN APPRECIATION OF A GENIUS BY ONE WHO KNEW HIM

Life holds many beautiful things, but little that is more beautiful than the associations that are possible when one has the privilege of working with brilliant minds.

It is probably the most selfish form of pleasure, for one receives so much and can give so little in return. It was my opportunity to have had such a privilege in my association with the late John Wilson Shiels. Man, scholar, friend, athlete, artist, actor and, last but by no means least, physician extraordinary.

ARTHUR COLLIS GIBSON, M. D.

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### George J. Sweeney

By the death of Dr. George J. Sweeney in San Francisco on December 27, 1929, the medical profession has lost one of its valued members.

Dr. Sweeney was born in Petaluma, California, in 1870; received his medical degree from the University of California in 1900. He was a member of the California Medical Association and the San Francisco County Medical Society. For twelve years he served with distinction as medical director of the French Hospital. For the past number of years, and until the time of his death, he devoted himself to general practice.

Dr. Sweeney was typical of the best in the practice of medicine. His life was characterized by devotion of all his powers and skill to the alleviation of the suffering, rendering medical aid to the poor, and to public welfare. His kindness and sympathy to those in need of his services and assistance gained for him an affection on their part and the part of his friends that will linger in their memories forever.

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### Wilfred C. McKinnon

Dr. McKinnon was one of the younger members of the medical fraternity in San Francisco, being twenty-nine years old at the time of his death, Christmas Day would have been his thirtieth birthday.

He took his pre-medical work at the University of California and received his M. D. from New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Following his graduation from medical college he served two years in Newark City Hospital, Newark, New Jersey, during the concluding six months of which he was house surgeon. Following his internship he spent some time abroad before locating in San Francisco. He had been practicing in this city a little over a year.

He was an able young physician, with a rapidly growing practice and a very promising future. In addition to competency in his profession he had a kind, sympathetic, and charming personality and had a host of friends in this city and elsewhere in Northern California.

He was born in Arcata, California, being the son of Dr. and Mrs. George W. McKinnon of that city, who survive him. Dr. George W. McKinnon is a well-known Humboldt County physician. Besides

his parents he is survived by a brother, Harold R. McKinnon, a San Francisco attorney. He resided with his brother at the University Club, San Francisco.

He was a member of Nu Sigma Nu.

### THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION \*

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President, Mrs. F. E. Clough, San Bernardino.  
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Second vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Weber, Upland.  
Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. L. Curtiss, Redlands.

#### ORANGE COUNTY

The second meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Orange County Medical Society was held on Tuesday evening, December 3, 1929, at the Orange County Hospital. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Clara Cushman, temporary chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. Cushman read a letter from Mrs. Henry S. Rogers, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association in which she asked Doctor Gobar to appoint a committee on organization to form a woman's auxiliary in Orange County.

Mrs. Hollingsworth, chairman of the nominating committee, recommended the following names for office: Mrs. F. E. Coulter for president; Mrs. H. A. Johnston for first vice-president; and Mrs. D. C. Cowles for second vice-president.

\*As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association are formed, the names of officers should be forwarded to the state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Cushman, 632 North Broadway, Santa Ana, and to the California Medical Association office, Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed for publication in this column.

It was recommended by the committee that the secretary-treasurer be elected in open meeting.

Nominations were called for the office of secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Dexter R. Ball was nominated and elected unanimously.

Mrs. Cushman then asked Mrs. F. E. Coulter to take the chair. Mrs. Coulter gave a short speech of acceptance and told the purpose of the auxiliary and the general need for friendship and social contacts among the doctors and their families.

Motion was then made to adjourn until February 4, 1930, that the auxiliary might meet on the date of the regular meeting of the Orange County Society. Mrs. Grace M. Zaiser gave a series of readings, which were delightful, in the joint meeting.

EDNA M. BALL, *Secretary*.

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#### UTAH NEWS

Recent meetings of the Academy of Medicine, held Thursday evenings on the tenth floor of the Deseret Bank building, have been taken up by the following programs:

December 19—Coronary Occlusion—Clinical and Autopsy. Dr. E. Viko. Abdominal Pain in Children, Doctor Cheney.

January 2—Complications of Peptic Ulcers, Doctor Hatch. Pregnancy Complicated by Bicornute Uterus—Report of Case, Doctor Giesy. Gastroptosis with Spastic Colitis, Doctor Skofield.

January 9—Headache, Doctor Gordon. Care of the Lactating Breast, Doctor Wherritt. Adenitis, Doctor Sugden.

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The Holy Cross Hospital Clinical Association meeting for December was held in the lecture room of the hospital on the evening of December 16.

A short program consisting of a symposium and case reports on "Double Uteri" was given by Doctors T. W. Stevenson and J. U. Giesy. Doctor Stevenson's case was surgical, the condition being discovered at operation. Doctor Giesy's case was one complicated by pregnancy, with a dead fetus and death of the mother from shock after the extraction of the child.

Following the scientific program the report of the treasurer was read and adopted, and officers were elected for the ensuing year. Election resulted in the choice of Doctor Ossman for president and Dr. Fuller Bailey for secretary-treasurer.

Meeting adjourned.

Steamship Firms Coöperating with University of California Tropic Work.—As a means of aiding the University of California in diagnosis, treatment and study of tropical diseases which transoceanic commerce brings to America, ten Pacific Coast steamship owners have subscribed to a Ship Owners' Fund of \$13,750 which will be turned over to the University's Institute of Tropical Medicine at the rate of \$2750 a year for the next five years.

An attempt is now being made to establish related tropical centers in Manila, Shanghai, Honolulu, and Guatemala City. Donations have also been made by other Californians as follows: George Brommel, \$100 for wall charts and lantern slides; Dr. R. K. Smith, \$103.45 for malaria moving-picture film; Hugo Menke, \$65 for hookworm moving picture film, and John Cahill, \$50 for general expense.—*University of California Clip Sheet*.